

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **6.E.4**

MEETING DATE: **March 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2026 Individual Membership

As of Feb. 28, there was a total of 1887 members as compared to 1890 on Feb. 28, 2025. There are currently 1603 renewals, 253 new and 31 Lifetime. A third and final membership renewal was emailed on Feb. 25 to 726 members who have not currently renewed for 2026. They were also notified through an *Access* article that this would be their last edition if they do not renew.

The Membership Committee met via Zoom on Jan. 29 and again on Feb. 19. Agenda items included 2026 timeline; statistics comparison; new member 2nd drip email, renewal emails and *Access* article assignments.

An article was published in the Feb. 11 edition of *Access* explaining the process of selecting an unlimited number of divisions to maximize membership benefits.

New Member Referral Program

The New Member Referral Program closed on Feb. 1. OLC received 11 new members who joined through the program. Kathy Long, Tuscarawas County Public Library will receive \$50 in credit toward any OLC Professional Development event in 2026 for referring new member Erin Snider.

Membership Meet-Ups

The first Membership Meet-Up was held on Feb. 9 as a free, 30-minute virtual event designed to help library professionals connect, learn and get the most out of their OLC Individual Membership. Bradley Kuykendall and Jennifer Buch from the OLC Membership Committee hosted an engaging overview of how OLC works for you. There were 42 people registered. A second Membership Meet-Up is scheduled for April 6 with Jennifer Buch and Jon Keppel giving an overview of how members can get involved in OLC.

Nominations and Elections

All division coordinators were sent a roster of members from their unit along with a list of any members who sent in a membership participation form requesting to serve, to assist them with identifying potential candidates for election. Slates of candidates are due to OLC by April 1. Staff will work directly with these coordinators to answer questions, send broadcast emails and assist them with the nomination process.

Awards and Honors

The Awards and Honors Committee met on Feb. 25. Discussion included submissions to date; follow-up from Convention interest; scoring rubric for nomination review; actionable ideas from Leadership conference brainstorming. Promotional articles will continue to be included in *Access* through April. The next meeting is scheduled via Zoom on May 20.

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